IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 17-21, 23, 26, 30, 32 and 33 and AMEND claims 24-27 and 31 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-23 (canceled).

24. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~23~~ <u>31</u>, wherein the ~~mapping object~~ <u>modified digital image</u> is accessed if the at least one parameter corresponds, within a predefined tolerance, to at least one stored parameter of the ~~mapping object~~ <u>modified digital image</u>.

25. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~23~~ <u>31</u>, wherein the ~~mapping object~~ <u>modified digital image</u> includes information.

26. (cancelled)

27. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim ~~23~~ <u>31</u>, wherein the at least one parameter is a specific variable for influencing image data of the ~~predefined~~ <u>original</u> digital image.

Claims 28 -30 (canceled).

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31. (currently amended) A method of accessing pre-stored modified images by a computer, comprising:

determining an index from at least one parameter of a process, selected from a plurality of processes that to at least one of transform and convert an original digital image differently, the at least one parameter determining how the original digital image is to be modified to form a modified digital image;

determining an address of the modified digital image by reference to the index, if the modified digital image is included in the pre-stored modified images;

accessing the modified digital image, if the address of the modified digital image can be determined with reference to the index; and

generating and storing the modified digital image from the original digital image according to the process, if the modified digital image is not included in the pre-stored modified images.

Claims 32 -33 (canceled).